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Recent Activities of the Ex-Mufti

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The attached was obtained by an established source indirectly from a prominent supporter of the ex-Mufti. It asserts that an organisation called the "League of Appeal to Sacred War" has been formed in Cairo, with representatives of many Middle Eastern Nationalist parties on its committee.

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Meeting of the ex-Mufti of JERUSALEM and his supporters (Oct/Nov. 1951)
Meeting held in CAIRO during the first week in November 1951

1. Acting on instructions received from the ex-Mufti of JERUSALEM during the last week in October 1951, RAFIQ TAMIMI and ^{head of} HUSAYNI ^{RAHMAN} ^{RAHMAN} RAJAH HUSSEINI, both prominent supporters in the ^{head of} ^{RAHMAN} ^{RAHMAN} of the ex-Mufti, left DAMASCUS by air on the 1st November 1951 for CAIRO. ^{head of} EMILE GHOURI, ^{RAHMAN} who had been instructed to make the journey with them, was, however, unable to do so owing to illness.

2. At a meeting held in CAIRO during the first week in November 1951 the ex-Mufti ordered TAMIMI and HUSSEINI to choose, in collaboration with GHOURI, from among his supporters in SYRIA and the LEBANON about fifty determined terrorists, who should be put at a state of readiness to leave for EGYPT whenever the ex-Mufti should give the signal.

3. The ex-Mufti further instructed his representatives in SYRIA and the LEBANON to ensure that the bureaux of the Arab Higher Committee in DAMASCUS and BEIRUT would continue to function even if he, the ex-Mufti, were obliged to leave EGYPT.

4. Finally the ex-Mufti told HUSSEINI and TAMIMI that it was his wish that Palestinian refugees in SYRIA and the LEBANON should demonstrate during the meetings of the Arab Parliamentary Congress to be held in BEIRUT towards the end of November 1951.

5. The ex-Mufti's relations with the Egyptian authorities

Although neither his relations with the Palace, nor with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and the Ministry of the Interior are cordial - FOUAD SERAGHEDDIN Pasha, the Minister of the Interior, having on more than one occasion refused financial aid to the Arab Higher Committee - the ex-Mufti is on the best of terms with NAHAS Pasha, the Egyptian Prime Minister, and OSMAN MOHAMMAD, the Minister of Public Works.

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6. Relations with PAKISTAN

ZAFARULLAH KHAN, the Pakistani Minister of Foreign Affairs, who passed through EGYPT en route for England early in October, met the ex-Mufti in CAIRO and gave him a sum of money, the exact amount of which is not known. In this connection the ex-Mufti intends, should it ever become impossible for him to stay in EGYPT, to move to the HEJAZ and from there possibly to PAKISTAN. Acc 50-72716 as per the Ministry, 2

7. Relations with KASHANI

In reply to an invitation sent by AYATULLAH KASHANI, the Iranian religious leader, to preside over a congress which he, KASHANI, intends to hold in TEHRAN late in November or early in December 1951, the ex-Mufti has said that he will give the matter his careful consideration. Acc 50 72981

8. Relations with UGANDA

Sheikh AHMAD KA'AB, head of the Moslems in UGANDA and leader of the Moslem community in AFRICA, has written to the ex-Mufti asking him to convey to the Egyptian Government the sympathy that his followers feel for EGYPT in her dispute with Great Britain. (This has been reported by the Ministry of the Interior)

9. As a result of a series of meetings held at the ex-Mufti's residence in CAIRO during October and November 1951, an Organisation called the League of Appeal to Sacred War has been founded. The following persons have been elected to serve on the committee: SC 72714

ALLAL AL-FASSI, the Moroccan nationalist
HASSAN EL-WAZZANI, the head of the Moroccan "SHURA" Party
TAYYEB-BANNUNA, secretary of the "ISLAH" Party of Morocco
MASSALI AL-HAJ, head of the "ISTIQLAL" Party in Algeria
ALI BAHRAWAN, secretary of the Tunisian "DESTOUR" Party
ISMAIL AL-AZHARI, of the Sudan
AHMAD HUSSEINI, head of the "FATA" Party of Egypt
HASSAN AL-HADIBI, head of the Egyptian "IKHWAN" Party
Hasan al-Hadibi
Toufik Hamed
Hussein Soudi
Mohamed Fatah
Hamed

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